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Mr. Paul A. Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
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Re: South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP)

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I am writing to urge you to drop plans for additional pumping from the California Bay-Delta as currently proposed in the South Delta "Improvements" Program (SDIP), especially while the Delta is experiencing an historic ecosystem collapse.

Most urgently, I request that you withdraw the highly flawed Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement for SDIP. If the project claims to improve water quality and fish survival you must examine an alternative to the project that accomplishes these goals by significantly reducing Delta pumping from current levels.

We have more reliable, more cost-effective and more environmentally friendly ways to provide abundant water for California's future. These options include water use efficiency and water recycling and are outlined in the Department of Water Resources' draft "California Water Plan Update" and Water for California's "Investment Strategy for California Water" (prepared by the Planning and Conservation League).

Together we must make sensible and sustainable water policy decisions that conserve the Delta and our rivers, to keep our state beautiful, vibrant and strong. The survival of the Delta depends upon your agency's actions. Please support the recovery of the Delta and say NO to increased pumping.

Also, please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Yours very truly,



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